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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND,
PACIFIC ISLANDS

1. THE GUARD CHANGES. ED HURWITZ REPORTED FOR DUTY
AUGUST 1 AS DIRECTOR OF EA/ANP, AND BILL BODDE CAME ON
BOARD THE SAME DATE AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR. DICK WILLIAMS
WILL BE LEAVING AT MID-WEEK FOR THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE.
EA/ANP HAS NOW COMPLETED ITS MOVE INTO NEW OFFICES, WITH
THE RECEPTION AREA AT ROOM 5210. THE TELEPHONE LINES HAVE
NOT YET CAUGHT UP WITH US. FOR THE TIME BEING BOTH HURWITZ
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AND BODDE CAN BE REACHED ON 632-3698, WHILE WAJDA AND
GALLAGHER ARE ON 632-3132. AS SOME CROSSED LINES ARE
OCCURRING DUE TO THE MOVE, PATIENCE IS URGED WHEN CALLING
EA/ANP. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING CONCLUDES. THE ANZUS COUNCIL
MEETING IN WELLINGTON CONCLUDED JULY 28 AFTER TWO DAYS OF

TALKS CHARACTERIZED BY PARTICIPANTS AS QUOTE FRANK AND FRIENDLY UNQUOTE AND QUOTE INVALUABLE UNQUOTE. THE ADJECTIVES ARE PROPERLY USED. WE APPEAR TO HAVE REASSURED AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, THROUGH THE SECRETARY'S ASIA SOCIETY SPEECH AND THE ANZUS GATHERING, OF OUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN THE REGION'S WELFARE AND SECURITY, AND OUR DETERMINATION TO REMAIN A PRESENCE THERE. THE NEW ZEALANDERS WERE PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S GRASP AND UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR ECONOMY'S SEVERE STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. US-MICRONESIAN CONFERENCE IN GUAM. AT THE ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE LAST WEEK IN GUAM, THE US PROPOSED THAT FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF MICRONESIA RESUME IN EARLY FALL. DISCUSSIONS WOULD UTILIZE A QUOTE TWO-TIER UNQUOTE FORMAT INCORPORATING BOTH MULTI-LATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND ALL THE MICRONESIAN GROUPS JOINTLY, AND BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND INDIVIDUAL MICRONESIAN DISTRICTS ON MATTERS OF SPECIAL OR LOCAL CONCERN. PALAU AND THE MARSHALLS WERE PLEASED WITH THE US PROPOSAL, WHICH WOULD TO A SIGNIFICANT EXTENT GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY THEY HAVE BEEN SEEKING FOR SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS. THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WAS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE US PROPOSAL, WHICH WOULD LEAD TO ABANDONMENT OF ITS MORE EXTREME CLAIMS TO REPRESENT ALL OF MICRONESIA. HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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SEVERAL OF THE CONGRESS' ALLIES INDICATED A STRONG DESIRE TO SEE NEGOTIATIONS RESUME SOON AND A CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE NECESSITY FOR CONGRESSIONAL FLEXIBILITY. THE NEXT ACT IN THIS DRAMA WILL COME AT THE CONGRESS' LATE AUGUST SPECIAL SESSION, WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT TAKE ACTION TO FACILITATE THE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS. THE NEW CHIEF US NEGOTIATOR, PETER ROSENBLATT, ATTENDED THE GUAM CONFERENCE AS AN OBSERVER AND TENTATIVELY EXPECTS TO MAKE AN ORIENTATION TRIP TO MICRONESIA THIS MONTH OR NEXT. (CONFIDENTIAL)
CHRISTOPHER

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